

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 5 as follows. All of the pending claims in the application are included below.

1. (Currently Amended) Printing paper comprising:

a center portion having a rectangular form having two pairs of opposite sides connected by four corners, and a pair of outside portions connected to the center portion at one pair of the two pairs of opposite ~~both~~ sides of the center portion,

wherein the other pair of the two pairs of opposite sides of the center portion are not connected to any other printing paper, and

21 wherein at least one of the center portion and the pair of outside portions are formed so that the four corners of the center portion have a round shape after removing the outside portions from the center portion.

2. (Previously Amended) The printing paper according to Claim 1, wherein the printing paper has perforations between the center portion and the outside portions.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Amended) The printing paper according to Claim 1, wherein the round shape is an arc form.

5. (Currently Amended) Label printing paper comprising an image receiving layer releasably laminated on a supporting layer, the label printing paper having a center portion having a rectangular form having two pairs of opposite sides connected by four corners and a pair of outside portions, wherein the outside portions are connected to the center portion at one pair of the two pairs of opposite both sides of the center portion, and
wherein the other pair of the two pairs of opposite sides of the center portion are not connected to any other label printing paper, and
wherein at least one of the center portion and the pair of outside portions are formed so that the four corners of the center portion have a round shape after removing the outside portions from the center portion.

6. (Previously Amended) The label printing paper according to Claim 5, wherein the printing paper has perforations between the center portion and the outer portions.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Amended) The label printing paper according to Claim 5, wherein the round shape is an arc form.

9. (Previously Amended) A printing process comprising the steps of:
providing a printing paper according to Claim 1;

conveying the printing paper while holding the outside portions of the printing paper;

conducting printing on the center portion of the printing paper; and
cutting off the outside portions of the printing paper from the center portion.

10. (Previously Amended) A printing process comprising the steps of:
providing a label printing paper according to Claim 5;
conveying the label printing paper while holding the outside portions of the label printing paper;

conducting printing on the center portion of the label printing paper; and
separating the image-receiving layer at the center portion from the supporting layer.

11. (Previously Amended) A printing system comprising:
a printing paper according to Claim 1, a print head for conducting printing on the center portion of the printing paper, and a pair of conveyer rollers for holding the outside portions of the printing paper to convey the printing paper.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Added) A printing system comprising:

a label printing paper according to Claim 5, a print head for conducting printing on the center portion of the printing paper, and a pair of conveyer rollers for holding the outside portions of the printing paper to convey the printing paper.

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15. (Previously Added) The printing paper according to Claim 1, wherein the center portion has a size of 52.0 to 56.0 mm in short-side length and 83.5 to 87.5 mm in long-side length.

16. (Previously Added) The label printing paper according to Claim 5, wherein the center portion has a size of 52.0 to 56.0 mm in short-side length and 83.5 to 87.5 mm in long-side length.
